Objects of Informal Education and National Literacy Mission

2586. SHRI SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States in which the objects and programmes of Informal Education and National Literacy Mission are being implemented;

(b) when this programme was started; and

(c) the details of the target fixed, and achievements made and expenditure incurred under the said programmes?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The programmes of Informal Education, known as Non-formal Education is in operation in 21 States/UTs. These States/UTs. are: Andhra , Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J & K, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The programme of National Literacy Mission is in operation in all the 32 States/UTs.

(b) The programme of Non-formal Education was started in the 9 educationally backward states in 1979-80. Arunachal Pradesh was added as the 10th State in 1987-88. By the end of 1990-91, 11 other States/UTs, started implementing the programme in their urban slums, hilly, desert and tribal areas where there are concentration of working children. The National Literacy Mission was launched on May 5,1988.

(c) Under Non-formal Education Scheme, no target was fixed prior to 1987-88. In 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91, the targets of opening 2.00 lakhs, 2.75 lakhs, 3.55 lakhs and 3.55 lakhs centres respectively were fixed. In most cases, the achievement, exceeded the target. A total sum of Rs. 223.10 crores have been spent for the promotion of Non-formal Education since 1979-80. In case of National Literacy Mission, there is a target of making 80 million Adult Learners in 15-35 year age-group literate by 1995. The Programme is making headway with the introduction of total literacy campaign in 45 districts, Kerala, Goa and Pondicherry. A total sum of Rs. 302.48 crores have been spent on various schemes since the inception of the National Literacy Mission for promotion of the programme.

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Indo-U.S. Education Centre

2587. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Centre for Indo-US education is being set up in India;

(b) to what extent United States Government has agreed to provide aid and assistance in setting up this Centre;

(c) whether the Centre is intended to be a leading source of public education and dialogue on India and United States;

(d) the details of other objectives of this Centre; and

(e) the name of the places where more such Centres are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.